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**1469 CARS AT
CORNER HERE
IN ONE HOUR**

Check Shows Traffic
Thick At Carson
And Arlington

While Moneta was checking traffic at Western avenue and Riverside boulevard, a Torrance resident took a count at the corner of Arlington avenue and Carson street. Torrance won in the count.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock a week ago Sunday 457 cars passed through Moneta.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock last Sunday 1469 cars passed the Carson-Arlington intersection here.

It is interesting to conjecture how many would have passed through Torrance if Western avenue were paved through.

In any event these figures ought to prove to the board of supervisors that traffic down this way is plentiful and change the mind of one of them who said that "nobody wants to go down that way."

**Lumber Service Is
His Middle Name**

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Bay, Calif., it has a large distributing system in Southern California, handling millions upon millions of feet of timber annually in this section.

The Torrance plant of the Consolidated Lumber Co. is in a position to serve this community in a very thorough manner. Located but a short distance from the Wilmington distributing point where vessels land huge cargoes of timber, this lumber yard is always able to take care of the most pressing requirements in short order.

Almost one hundred per cent of the single and double buildings that are reared in this part of the state are of frame construction. The demand for timber is therefore very great. Fast growing communities such as Torrance must be assured of a diversified service from the lumber yard, and that is the duty of the Consolidated Lumber Co. of this city. Handling everything in its line, it is invariably found to be of high efficiency in serving the community.

If you wish to buy, sell, exchange, or rent your property, our Classified ads will bring results.

CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENT, STATE EXCHANGE BANK, Torrance, California, as of the close of business December 31st, 1923.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$107,076.69
Overdrafts	124.88
Bonds	57,049.50
Banking House	21,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,850.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	195,222.04
	\$386,833.11
LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Undivided Profits	5,701.74
Other Liabilities	98.37
Deposits	331,033.00
	\$386,833.11

State Exchange Bank
"THE COMMUNITY BANK"
—WE PAY 4% ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS—
TORRANCE CALIF.

For this excellent showing we thank our friends and solicit your continued patronage.

"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

Standard is ready to set 15 1/2-inch casing on Dominguez No. 3 and Interstate Nos. 1 and 2.

Chancellor-Canfield has landed the water string on Kettler No. 2, on the northwest corner of the Kettler lease.

The Julian Petroleum corporation Tuesday circulated light mud on Splittstoesser No. 1, and Wednesday was bailing for production.

The Superior Oil company is bailing Osborne No. 1 on 216th street, Torrance, for a shutoff test. The rig on this well was skidded several weeks ago.

Establishing a record for long-distance shooting, the U. S. Royalties well at Pepper and Narbonne is standing cemented.

Chancellor-Canfield's Torrance No. 27 and 28 are standing cemented. No. 27 is at the southeast of the Torrance lease and No. 28 offsets Petroleum Midway's Stock Community No. 2, near Carson and Iris streets.

Torrance No. 20, the Santa Fe's salt water-troubled well near Plaza del Amo and Arlington street is still standing plugged back.

Santa Fe's Kettler No. 1 is holding up well. Flush production on this first producer south of the old Redondo road and east of Narbonne avenue was 1500 barrels. It is now doing about 1350 a day.

Crews on wells near Pennsylvania and Palm streets started running for "the fire" Wednesday morning when they heard a siren shrieking. But they couldn't find any fire. Investigation brought out that the "siren" sound was caused by gas blowing out at the 5-O Drilling company's well.

The Bugent Oil company set water string on its well at Elgin and Narbonne Wednesday.

Universal is coring carefully ahead on its well on the Hooper acre, south of Federal's Gerner well. The drill Wednesday was down 3730 feet. Officials of the company predict a 500-barrel well.

The International Drilling company is swabbing its No. 1 well on Pepper street near Narbonne for production.

Tom Cannon's crew is rigging up a pump for Julian No. 6. The well flowed by heads Thursday morning, threatening to blow out.

Five of the Universal wells on the Moore lease are producing a total of 2400 barrels a day.

The George F. Getty No. 9 at Fir and Narbonne is being swabbed for production.

Standard drilled eight feet ahead on Felker No. 1 during the past week. This deep test well is now down 5130 feet.

Standard Monday set 10-inch casing on Kettler No. 1.

Julian is drilling No. 2 and No. 4 ahead. No. 2 is at Cherry and Eshelman and No. 4 at Acacia and Narbonne.

PROGRESS

There is nothing in the world more satisfying than achievement.

Institutions, individuals and communities never stand still.

They either advance or go backward.

Torrance is going forward.

That is why it is possible for The Torrance Herald to publish twice a week instead of once a week.

There is nothing more satisfying than achievement.

The progress of this paper from the stage of a weekly to that of a semi-weekly is an achievement in which every person in the community may take just pride.

For without progress in the community, progress of this newspaper would be impossible.

So we take this opportunity to thank our readers and the progressive business houses for their contributory efforts toward the advancement of this community, through which our own progress has been made possible.

**TORRANCE
HERALD**

**SHELL SWABS
KEYSTONE NO. 1**

The Shell company swabbed its Keystone No. 1, west of Harbor boulevard, several days. Extremely heavy mud was used in drilling, and the hole is necessarily slow in cleaning out.

**Redondo Readers
Want This Paper**

In answer to a persistent demand for The Herald, Day's Shoe Shining Parlor in Redondo, next to the D. and D. Drug Store, will have this paper on sale each week.

**Police Clean-up
Campaign Keeping
Lomita Court Busy**

These are busy days in the justice court of Lomita township. The pesky county officers and constables and deputy sheriffs 'n' everything just keep bringing them in, four and five at a time.

Deputy Sheriffs Miller and Duffy went up in the oil field Saturday night and raided an alleged gambling den back of the Spud Inn.

O. G. Hamilton and M. E. Roberts, charged with gambling, were sentenced to 180 days, which sentence was suspended provided they had left town by Tuesday. They went.

Ed Walters, arrested January 1 and paroled, was caught in the raid. He's up in the county jail serving his 100 days.

Clarence C. Matthews, charged with violating the Wright act, drew \$400, or 400 days. Sentence was suspended for two years.

B. G. Gilmore, charged by County Officer J. D. Wilmot with violating the Wright act, and Jos. E. Ryan, arrested for vagrancy, each pleaded not guilty, and will have their trial in Judge Hunter's court January 16. Unable to procure \$500 bail, the men are in jail.

**Woman Seriously
Hurt As Cars Crash**

Mrs. M. Robinson of 2959 Palm street, Lomita, was quite seriously injured Monday when the steering gear of her car went wrong and the machine crashed into a tree. The accident occurred near the White garage on the road leading to Harbor boulevard.

Mrs. A. Brown of Narbonne avenue picked Mrs. Robinson up and hurried to a local physician. After treatment at the Carson street emergency hospital, Mrs. Robinson was taken to her home.

REBEKAHS INSTALL OFFICERS

District Deputy President Mrs. Hazel Huffman, with her staff assisting, installed the officers of Trio Rebekah lodge Wednesday evening.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in pink and white, and the ladies in white gowns, with bouquets of sweet peas, presented a charming appearance.

Refreshments were served to the visitors.

The new officers follow: Noble grand, Ella B. Miller; vice-grand, Gertrude Beckham; recording secretary, Orla Davis; financial secretary, Martha Hesse; treasurer, Cora Frowner; warden, Ethel P. Waite; conductor, Josephine Johnson; chaplain, Marcella Brumpton; right supporter noble grand, Minnie Beckham; left supporter noble grand, Cora F. Smith; right supporter vice-grand, Marie Kerber; left supporter vice-grand, Ila Danielson; inside guardian, Estelle Gertzen; outside guardian, Corda May Shelhart; past noble grand, Ada M. Anderson.

**P. T. A. Buys New
Portophone Here
For New School**

The P. T. A. believes in patronizing home trade, and has purchased from the Torrance Music company a portophone for the elementary school. After visiting out-of-town music stores they found that the price in the home town music store was below that asked at others out of town.

**Lack Of Students
May Put End To
Night School Here**

The adult classes in the Torrance school may be permanently closed because of meagre attendance lately. Wake up, patrons, and take advantage of the money appropriated from our taxes for this school. It will be turned over to some other school if we do not act quickly. The art, sewing, commercial, English for foreigners, mathematics and drawing classes are all in need of a boost.

P.-T. A. NOTES

The Parent-Teacher association of Torrance met at the Torrance high school Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1924.

This was by far the most successful meeting of the year. About seventy-five members were present. Mrs. Eischen directed the community singing; the flag salute followed. Prof. Barnett instructed the P.-T. A. as to the change in the flag salute as authorized by the American Legion and adopted by the public schools, the change to be: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States."

During the business meeting the P.-T. A. voted to conduct a "hot-dog" sale Friday, Jan. 25, during the noon hour, at the elementary and high schools. Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Saach, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Hanson will be in charge.

Mr. McDougall of the Torrance Music company of Torrance demonstrated the portophone to the P.-T. A. It was voted to purchase a portophone for the elementary school, Mr. McDougall giving the P.-T. A. liberal reduction on the price.

The girls' chorus of the high school sang two songs. The first, Schubert's "Serenade," was directed by Kathrine Wheaton, and the second, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," was directed by Mrs. Eischen.

J. S. Torrance gave a very interesting address upon "Mexico." Mr. Torrance, a resident in Mexico for a number of years, told many interesting things of the history of Mexico and its peoples, their habits and costumes. Mr. Torrance spoke of the political upheavals and the character of the different leaders of that country. The message brought to the P.-T. A. by this able speaker was so interesting that the closing time came all too soon. Everyone felt that all too little was known about our neighbors, the real Mexicans.

NOTED WOMAN HERE

Mrs. Hester Griffith Miller, a noted Los Angeles club woman, is a guest of Mrs. Helen Webb of Andreo avenue. Mrs. Miller was for 21 years the president of the W. C. T. U. of California, and for six years has been vice-president of the Women Legislators.

TO SERVE 500 DAYS

Having failed to win his appeal for a new trial, R. D. Gard, convicted of a violation of the Wright act, was taken to the county jail to serve the sentence of 500 days imposed by Judge Hunter.

Miss Addie Neel and two children, of Oklahoma City, are guests at the home of their cousin, F. S. Webb, of Andreo avenue. The Neels will settle in Southern California.